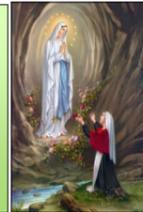




4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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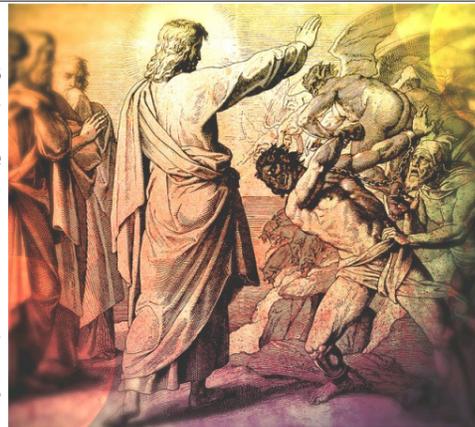
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	RESPONSE	ACCLAMATION
<p>1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 1:29-39</p>	<p><i>If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.</i></p>	<p><i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> <p><i>A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.</i></p> <p><i>Alleluia!</i></p>

JESUS' DIVINE AUTHORITY

The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority. In today's Gospel, Mark describes one sample Sabbath day of Jesus' public life. Jesus joins in public worship in the synagogue as a practicing Jew, heals the sick, drives out evil spirits and prays privately. People immediately noticed that Jesus spoke with authority and healed with Divine power. Jesus explained the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, he answered with authority. Jesus used his real (authentic) Divine authority to teach, empower, liberate, and heal others. The evil spirit mentioned in the Gospel recognized Jesus as the Messiah and acknowledged him as such. Jesus commanded the evil spirit harshly, using strong words and tones: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" This was another reason Jesus developed a reputation for speaking with authority.



Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people. He came to make people free. Hence, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that he may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and that prevent us from loving others and sharing our blessings with others. Jesus also frees us from all the "evil spirits" of fear, jealousy, envy, addictions, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. May he free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame and paralyzed, physically and spiritually.

Excerpt from Homilies of Fr. Anthony Kadavil on Mark 1:-21-28 available at <http://cbci.in>. Image from www.deepertruthcatholics.com

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR BOURKE STREET MEMORIAL



Dear friends,
Across the city this week, let us come together in remembrance.

The first anniversary of the horrific incident in the Bourke St Mall is a powerful reminder that life is precious. The events of January 20 last year shocked us all.

Let us first remember the six people who lost their lives—let us pray for them and their families and friends who will have been devastated by their loss.

Many more people will have suffered emotionally and physically having either been injured in the maelstrom or having viewed the awful events of that Friday twelve months ago.

In the darkness of that day, we give thanks for the first responders; the paramedics, firefighters and police and our support workers, chaplains and

volunteers who served as reminders of the love and faith that bind us together. We honour their courage. These men and women were quick to take action and minimise further loss.

Events such as the Bourke St tragedy can and do bind us more closely as a community.

I pray today that we can all work for peace and harmony in our complex society and that events such as Bourke St 2017 are consigned to history. God Bless.

+ Denis J. Rost
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

THANKSGIVING

Church: \$ 1,601.20

Priest: \$ 1,220.00

(Retired Priest & Archdiocese)

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ♦ 31 January - St John Bosco
- ♦ 1 February - St Brigid of Ireland
- ♦ 2 February - Presentation of the Lord

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

- ANNIVERSARIES:** Caterina Palone, William Healey, Thomas Nutall, Des Talent, Vincent Zvikevitch, Cita Brach, Jan Stawiarski, Jim Fuller, Theodorus Rikken, Regina Kampwerth, Peter Van Der Laak, Colin Jackson, Gudrun Fiessfalt, Mary Spicer, Tim Gustafson, Bernard Turner, Maude Leydon
- SICK:** Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Ted Davies, Maryan and Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Ray Robinson

SUPPORT FAMILIES, HUMAN DIGNITY, POPE TELLS GLOBAL LEADERS AT DAVOS

Global leaders must implement policies that support the family and offer real opportunities for the growth and development of all people, Pope Francis told people attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

'If we want a more secure future, one that encourages the prosperity of all, then it is necessary to keep the compass continually oriented toward 'true North,' represented by authentic values,' he wrote.

'Now is the time to take courageous and bold steps for our beloved planet. This is the right moment to put into action our responsibility to contribute to the development of humanity,' he told corporate and political leaders. The pope's message was read at the meeting on 22 January by Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

The annual meeting in Davos brought together people representing business, government, academia and media to discuss the theme, 'Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World.' They were to address topics such as sustainable development and inclusive economies as well as challenges posed by cyberattacks and divisive 'narratives.'

Full report available at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Date: Thursday 8th February 2018

Times: 6.30pm Holy Hour
7.30pm Mass

Place: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Celebrant: Very Rev Joe Caddy
Episcopal Vicar for Social Services and Justice

Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au

PARISH OFFICE NEW OFFICE HOURS
EFFECTIVE NEXT WEEK, OUR PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9AM - 3PM, WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY AND 9AM - 12 NOON ON FRIDAY.



CRAFT GROUP
Reconvening this week on Thursday, 1 February, 9.30 am ~ 2.00 pm
All welcome!

GENERAL CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

3 February, 9am ~ 12 noon

We invite our parishioners to help us in cleaning our Church and its surroundings in preparation for our Golden Jubilee celebration.

Please bring your own cleaning tool.

Light refreshment and lunch will be provided.

Parishioner for 50 years

The list are growing. Those who haven't registered yet may register now. Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex table.

Thank you!



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we will have a 9-DAY NOVENA starting this Saturday, 3 February.

VOLUNTEERS FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE

We will also need some help from our parishioners on the list below. Please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Carol Smith will confirm with volunteers prior to the day.

- Set-up the Church (on Saturday morning)
- Set-up the Hall prior to 6pm Mass and clean up the hall after the celebration
- Welcomers in the Narthex prior to Mass
- Volunteers for other activities

It is also important to know how many are attending the celebration for catering purposes. Families are asked to put their names and number of family members attending. Sign-up sheet will be passed around before and after the Mass this weekend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Each Year on the Feast of the Presentation (Feb 2) the Church celebrates and honours the gift of Consecrated Life to the Church and the world. Many of us have been the grateful recipients of ministry of faithful religious in schools, hospitals, parishes, etc. Please spare a prayer of thanksgiving for the religious that have touched your life. Please pray that young people may generously offer themselves to the Lord in service in the religious life.



THE WORD OF GOD

The readings from the Word of God are to be LISTNED to REVERENTLY by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is by the HOMILY, as part of the liturgical action.
~ GIRM 29

WANDERING MIND

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

— DEUTERONOMY 11:18 NIV